

## N E W S R E L E A S E

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### **Payroll Employment Up 36,900 Jobs** **California's Share of National Job Growth Strong**

**SACRAMENTO** – According to the California Employment Development Department's (EDD) survey of employers, nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 36,900 jobs over the month, for a total of 15,026,300. This is a record high for nonfarm payroll employment and the first time that it has surpassed the 15,000,000 mark.

The nation's job growth was 128,000 jobs in August. California had a strong share of this gain with 29 percent.

California's unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in August, up from 4.8 percent in July, EDD reported today. A year ago, in August 2005, California's unemployment rate was 5.2 percent.

According to the separate survey of households, the number of Californians holding jobs in August was 16,783,000. This was a decrease of 133,000 from July, and down 22,000 from the employment total in August of last year.

The number of people unemployed in California was 869,000 – an increase of 9,000 over the month, but down by 62,000 compared with August of last year.

Of the unemployed, 283,100 were laid off, 104,400 left their jobs voluntarily, and the remaining were either new entrants or reentrants into the labor market, or persons who completed temporary jobs.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

In related data, the EDD reported that there were 317,462 people receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits during the August survey week. This compares with 320,479 last month and 324,564 last year. At the same time, new claims for unemployment insurance were 36,335 in August 2006, compared with 36,480 in July and 33,711 in August of last year.

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## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

EDD's report on payroll employment (wage and salary jobs) in the nonfarm industries of California totaled 15,026,300 in August, a net gain of 36,900 jobs since the July survey. This followed a gain of 6,600 jobs (as revised) in July.

Ten of the categories (**natural resources and mining; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; information; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) added jobs over the month, gaining 40,700 jobs. Government showed the largest gain, up by 10,300 jobs. One category, **construction**, reported job declines this month, down 3,800 jobs.

In a year-over-year comparison (August 2005 to August 2006), nonfarm payroll employment in California increased by 192,000 jobs (up 1.3 percent).

Ten industry divisions (**natural resources and mining; construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation and utilities; financial activities; professional and business services; educational and health services; leisure and hospitality; other services; and government**) posted job gains over the year, adding 201,300 jobs. On a numerical basis, professional and business services showed the strongest employment growth, adding 48,800 jobs (a 2.3 percent increase). On a percentage of growth basis, natural resources and mining showed the strongest gain, up 3.8 percent (adding 900 jobs), followed by leisure and hospitality, up 2.9 percent (adding 42,200 jobs).

One category, **information**, posted job declines over the year, down 9,300 jobs (a decline of 1.9 percent).

## WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DETAIL (**NOT** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Over the month, employment in **professional and business services** showed the largest non-seasonally adjusted gain, up by 13,000 jobs. The gains were mainly in administrative and support services, which added 11,300 jobs, and professional, scientific and technical services, which added 2,100 jobs. **Government** recorded the greatest non-seasonally adjusted loss, down by 16,200 jobs. The losses were centered in local and state education, which declined by 10,000 jobs and 2,000 jobs, respectively.

The **professional and business services** industries reported the largest gain over the year, up 49,900 jobs. Most of the gains were in the administrative and support and waste services sector (up 26,000 jobs) and the professional, scientific and technical services sector (up 22,100 jobs). The only decrease over the year was in **information**, which was down by 9,300 jobs. The declines were centered in telecommunications (down 5,300 jobs) and motion picture and sound recording (down 5,000 jobs).

Seasonally adjusted payroll detail follows:

**WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**  
(Amounts in thousands)

Industrial Classification	August 2006 (prelim.)	July 2006	August 2005	Change Over 12 months (Percent)
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Workers . . . . .	15,026.3	14,989.4	14,834.3	1.3
Natural resources and mining . . . . .	24.4	24.2	23.5	3.8
Construction . . . . .	916.2	920.0	909.4	0.7
Manufacturing . . . . .	1,510.4	1,507.2	1,508.6	0.1
Trade, transportation and utilities . . . . .	2,838.5	2,837.9	2,826.7	0.4
Information . . . . .	471.5	465.6	480.8	-1.9
Financial activities . . . . .	944.6	942.6	931.2	1.4
Professional and business services . . . . .	2,206.0	2,198.1	2,157.2	2.3
Educational and health services . . . . .	1,615.3	1,609.4	1,584.5	1.9
Leisure and hospitality . . . . .	1,518.0	1,513.9	1,475.8	2.9
Other services . . . . .	523.3	522.7	512.1	2.2
Government* . . . . .	2,458.1	2,447.8	2,424.5	1.4
Agriculture . . . . .	369.4	378.2	369.2	0.1

\*Includes all civilian employees of federal, state, and local governments.

**TABLE A**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

	August 2006	July 2006	June 2006	August 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,652,000	17,776,000	17,744,000	17,736,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,783,000	16,916,000	16,869,000	16,805,000
Unemployment . . . . .	869,000	860,000	875,000	931,000
Seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.2
US seasonally adjusted rate % . . . . .	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.9

**TABLE B**  
**EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN CALIFORNIA, UNADJUSTED DATA**

	August 2006	July 2006	June 2006	August 2005
Civilian labor force <sup>a</sup> . . . . .	17,768,000	17,921,000	17,779,000	17,825,000
Total civilian employment . . . . .	16,905,000	17,007,000	16,899,000	16,905,000
Unemployment . . . . .	863,000	914,000	880,000	920,000
Unadjusted rate % . . . . .	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.2

<sup>a</sup>Labor force by place of residence including workers involved in trade disputes.

**MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES**  
**AUGUST 2006; 2005 BENCHMARK**  
**NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED**

COUNTY	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	RATE
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>17,768,000</b>	<b>16,904,900</b>	<b>863,100</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
ALAMEDA	751,800	716,700	35,100	4.7%
ALPINE	470	440	40	7.4%
AMADOR	16,750	15,960	790	4.7%
BUTTE	102,200	96,500	5,800	5.6%
CALAVERAS	21,200	20,140	1,060	5.0%
COLUSA	10,440	9,660	780	7.5%
CONTRA COSTA	514,100	492,700	21,500	4.2%
DEL NORTE	10,880	10,140	740	6.8%
EL DORADO	91,900	88,100	3,800	4.1%
FRESNO	409,800	381,100	28,700	7.0%
GLENN	11,620	10,720	900	7.8%
HUMBOLDT	60,000	56,800	3,200	5.3%
IMPERIAL	64,000	52,800	11,200	17.4%
INYO	9,290	8,900	390	4.2%
KERN	338,400	316,000	22,300	6.6%
KINGS	57,400	53,400	4,000	6.9%
LAKE	26,750	25,130	1,620	6.1%
LASSEN	12,290	11,500	800	6.5%
LOS ANGELES	4,811,400	4,568,200	243,200	5.1%
MADERA	64,100	60,300	3,700	5.8%
MARIN	130,400	125,700	4,800	3.6%
MARIPOSA	9,890	9,480	410	4.1%
MENDOCINO	44,510	42,420	2,090	4.7%
MERCED	101,600	93,600	7,900	7.8%
MODOC	4,110	3,860	250	6.1%
MONO	8,470	8,110	360	4.2%
MONTEREY	212,000	201,300	10,800	5.1%
NAPA	73,500	70,800	2,600	3.6%
NEVADA	50,520	48,530	2,000	3.9%
ORANGE	1,607,300	1,550,000	57,200	3.6%
PLACER	164,400	158,200	6,200	3.8%
PLUMAS	11,090	10,530	560	5.0%
RIVERSIDE	860,200	815,700	44,400	5.2%
SACRAMENTO	682,300	650,900	31,300	4.6%
SAN BENITO	24,400	23,200	1,200	5.0%
SAN BERNARDINO	871,300	830,200	41,200	4.7%
SAN DIEGO	1,511,800	1,450,300	61,500	4.1%
SAN FRANCISCO	420,700	401,800	18,900	4.5%
SAN JOAQUIN	287,500	268,400	19,200	6.7%
SAN LUIS OBISPO	131,100	126,100	5,000	3.8%
SAN MATEO	364,400	350,500	13,900	3.8%
SANTA BARBARA	214,400	206,300	8,100	3.8%
SANTA CLARA	822,600	783,900	38,700	4.7%
SANTA CRUZ	144,300	137,500	6,800	4.7%
SHASTA	81,800	77,000	4,800	5.8%
SIERRA	1,630	1,540	90	5.5%
SISKIYOU	18,690	17,470	1,220	6.5%
SOLANO	212,900	202,600	10,300	4.8%
SONOMA	252,100	241,800	10,300	4.1%
STANISLAUS	236,000	220,000	16,000	6.8%
SUTTER	41,800	39,100	2,800	6.6%
TEHAMA	25,130	23,630	1,500	6.0%
TRINITY	5,320	4,950	370	6.9%
TULARE	187,800	173,600	14,200	7.6%
TUOLUMNE	26,300	25,000	1,310	5.0%
VENTURA	419,500	400,200	19,300	4.6%
YOLO	94,300	90,400	4,000	4.2%
YUBA	27,100	24,900	2,200	8.2%